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Special session of the General Assembly for follow-up to the World Summit for Children in 2001

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 51/186 of 16 December 1996, in which it decided to convene in 2001 a special session to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children, and 53/193 of 15 December 1998,

Recalling also the report of the Secretary-General on progress on the implementation of the World Declaration and the Plan of Action of the World Summit for Children,[1]

[1] A/53/186.

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Recognizing the importance of achieving universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[2]

1. *Decides* to convene the special session of the General Assembly to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children at the highest possible level;

2. *Invites* the participation of Heads of State/Government in the special session;

3. *Also decides* that the special session shall be convened in the month of September 2001;

4. *Further decides* that the special session, while reviewing the achievements in the implementation and results of the World Declaration and the Plan of Action, will undertake a renewed commitment and consider future action for children in the next decade;

5. *Recognizes* the importance of a participatory process at the national, regional and international levels, with a view, *inter alia*, to establishing partnerships between a broad range of actors, including children and youth in order to raise momentum for children's rights and needs;

6. *Decides* to establish an open-ended preparatory committee, also open to States members of the specialized agencies, to address organizational issues, including the form, the participation of a broad range of relevant actors, and the agenda, and to prepare for the outcome of the special session;

7. *Strongly encourages* the full and effective participation of Member States and invites the Heads of State/Government to consider assigning personal representatives to the committee;

8. *Requests* the preparatory committee to convene one organizational session from 7 to 8 February 2000 and one substantive session from 30 May to 2 June 2000, and to propose to the General Assembly its requirements for further meetings of the preparatory committee in 2001;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the support of the United Nations Children's Fund, to assist the preparatory committee in providing substantive input to the process and at the special session, including a report on emerging issues to be considered by the substantive session of the preparatory committee in 2000;

10. *Invites* all other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the funds and programmes, specialized agencies and the international financial institutions, actively to participate in the preparations for the special session;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure an effective and coordinated system-wide response to the preparation of the special session;

12. *Invites* the Committee on the Rights of the Child to provide its inputs to the preparatory process and at the special session;

13. *Also invites* all relevant experts, including the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, to participate in the preparatory process and the special session, in accordance with the established practice;

14. *Recognizes* the important role of all relevant actors, including non-governmental organizations, in implementing the Plan of Action and stresses the need for their active

[2] Resolution 44/25, annex.

involvement in the preparatory process, including the preparatory committee, and at the special session, modalities for which will be addressed by the preparatory committee;

15. *Invites* Governments and relevant organizations, in particular the United Nations Children's Fund, as well as regional and subregional organizations, to undertake reviews of progress achieved since the World Summit for Children and encourages appropriate national, regional and international preparatory activities with a view to contributing to the preparations for the special session and building partnerships for and with children;

16. *Reaffirms* its requests to the Secretary-General to submit to the special session, through the preparatory committee, a review of the implementation and results of the World Declaration and the Plan of Action, including appropriate recommendations for further action, which also elaborates on best practices and obstacles encountered in the implementation as well as on measures to overcome those obstacles;

17. *Decides* to invite States members of the specialized agencies that are not members of the United Nations to participate in the work of the special session in the capacity of observers;

18. *Stresses* the importance of the full participation of the least developed countries in the special session and its preparations, and invites Governments to make appropriate contributions to a trust fund to be established by the Secretary-General for that purpose;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to assist national Governments, at their request, in their assessment of and reporting on the implementation of the Plan of Action;

20. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund, to mount a public information programme to raise awareness of children's needs and rights and of the special session, its objectives and significance, and encourages Governments to do the same on a national basis;

21. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report during the main part of the fifty-fifth session on the state of the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children;

22. *Decides* to include an item entitled "Special session of the General Assembly for follow-up to the World Summit for Children in 2001" in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session.